


REMARKS

There are 27 originally filed claims in the US application Serial No. 09/970,609 filed October 3, 2001, to which the subject application is a divisional of. Claims 1-13 (group I) was elected during prosecution of the '609 application in response to a restriction requirement dated November 12, 2002. Claims 1-8 were canceled without prejudice during prosecution. Claims 9-13 were allowed and they are now canceled in this application. Applicant expressly reserves the rights to prosecute claims 1-8 in a continuation application.

Original claims 14-27 are now pending in this application. New claims 28-32 are added and support for the newly added claims can be found throughout the specification (for example, page 8, lines 1-7; page 8, line 20 to page 9, line 7). Applicant believes that the pending claims (i.e., claims 14-27 and 28-32) are free of prior art and patentable and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner can reach undersigned at (212) 908-6018 when he takes this application up for further action.

Respectfully submitted,
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